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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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DAILY REPORT

20th
Legislative
Day

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- The House will reconvene for its 21st Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 21 at 10:00 a.m.
- Nine bills / resolutions are expected to be debated on the floor.

Today on the Floor

Rules Calendar

HB 81 Education; eligibility criteria for certain capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems; revise

Bill Summary: HB 81 amends O.C.G.A. 20-2-262 to revise the eligibility criteria for project-specific capital outlay grants for low-wealth school systems.

Under the bill's provisions, the eligibility criteria are that a local school system must be currently, or in the most recent three years, ranked in the bottom 25 percent of school systems in sales revenue per full-time equivalent (FTE) student count and value of property per FTE student count. For local school systems in which the amount of special purpose local option sales tax revenues is ranked in the bottom 25 percent of eligible local school systems receiving such sales tax revenues, that system may submit a request to the Department of Education for consideration. The system must commit five years of such revenues to the project.

Educational facilities must be more than 35 years old to be consolidated. Once a local school system has received a capital outlay grant and its need is met as determined by the department, it is not eligible to receive another grant for a period of 10 years.

The State Board of Education establishes rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this bill.

Authored By: Rep. John Corbett (174th)
House Committee: Education
Floor Vote: Yeas: 168 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-09-2023 Do Pass
Amendments:

HB 143 Community Health, Department of; include continuous glucose monitors as a pharmacy benefit for Medicaid recipients; require

Bill Summary: HB 143 requires the Department of Community Health to cover continuous glucose monitors through Medicaid as a pharmacy benefit. Eligibility for coverage includes a diagnosis of diabetes mellitus and patient or caregiver training. Additionally, a patient must have use of daily insulin or a history of problematic hypoglycemia to receive the benefit. An in-person or telehealth visit is required within six months prior to and every six months after initial prescription.

Authored By: Rep. Danny Mathis (149th)
House Committee: Public Health
Floor Vote: Yeas: 167 Nays: 1

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee Action: 02-07-2023 Do Pass
Amendments:

HB 193 Local government; increase dollar values of certain public works construction contracts exempt from bidding requirements

Bill Summary: HB 193 increases the contract value amount from \$100,000 or less to \$250,000 or less for a public works construction contract that is exempt from specified contracting and bidding requirements.

Authored By: Rep. Victor Anderson (10th)
House Governmental Affairs
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 164 Nays: 4

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-08-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 215 Professions and businesses; licensure of advanced practice registered nurses; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 215 creates licensure requirements for advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) and changes the definition of APRN to a person licensed by the Georgia Board of Nursing who is either a certified nurse midwife; certified nurse practitioner; certified registered nurse anesthetist; clinical nurse specialist or clinical nurse specialist in psychiatric/mental health; or a recognized APRN before June 30, 2006. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to practice as an APRN without a license, and adds licensed APRN and physician assistant to the list of providers eligible to execute affidavits for specialty parking tags based on a person's disability.

Authored By: Rep. Alan Powell (33rd)
House Health
Committee:
Floor Vote: Yeas: 165 Nays: 0

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-13-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

Local Calendar**HB 156 Hall County; Board of Education; provide that the boundaries are not changed by annexations undertaken by the City of Buford**

Bill Summary: A bill to provide that the boundaries of the Hall County school district are not changed by annexations undertaken by the City of Buford.

Authored By: Rep. Lee Hawkins (27th)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 2

Rule Applied:
Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 265 Rockdale Judicial Circuit; Superior Court judges; change amount of salary supplement

Bill Summary: A bill to amend an act to provide for a supplement to the compensation of the judges of the Superior Court of the Rockdale Judicial Circuit.

Authored By: Rep. Doreen Carter (93rd)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 2

Rule Applied:
Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 270 College Park, City of; ad valorem tax; municipal purposes; provide homestead exemption

Bill Summary: A bill to provide a homestead exemption from City of College Park ad valorem taxes for residents of that city who are disabled or who are over 65 years of age or older and meet individual or joint income requirements.

Authored By: Rep. Kim Schofield (63rd)
House Intragovernmental Coordination -
Committee: Local
Floor Vote: Yeas: 162 Nays: 2

Rule Applied:
Committee 02-15-2023 Do Pass
Action:
Amendments:

HB 272 Carrollton, City of; Municipal Court; charge technology fee

Bill Summary: A bill to authorize a technology fee for the Municipal Court of the City of Carrollton.

Authored By:	Rep. David Huddleston (72nd)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 162 Nays: 2	Amendments:	

HB 288 East Georgia Regional Airport Authority Act; enact

Bill Summary: A bill to create the East Georgia Regional Airport Authority.

Authored By:	Rep. Butch Parrish (158th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 162 Nays: 2	Amendments:	

HB 350 Butts County; Magistrate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: A bill to authorize a technology fee by the Magistrate Court of Butts County.

Authored By:	Rep. Clint Crowe (118th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 162 Nays: 2	Amendments:	

HB 351 Butts County; Probate Court; authorize assessment and collection of technology fee

Bill Summary: A bill to authorize a technology fee by the Probate Court of Butts County.

Authored By:	Rep. Clint Crowe (118th)	Rule Applied:	
House	Intragovernmental Coordination -	Committee	02-15-2023 Do Pass
Committee:	Local	Action:	
Floor Vote:	Yeas: 162 Nays: 2	Amendments:	

Next on the Floor from the Committee on Rules

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 21st Legislative Day, Tuesday, February 21, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

HB 80 Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act; enact

Bill Summary: HB 80, the 'Uniform Unsworn Declarations Act', permits unsworn declarations to have the same effect as sworn declarations in circumstances in which a declarant is making an unsworn declaration while being physically located outside U.S. boundaries. Making an unsworn declaration is not permitted in cases of depositions; oaths of office; oaths required by statute to be given before a specified official other than a notary public; proceedings when verification is sufficient pursuant to O.C.G.A. 9-10-113; or instruments expressly required to comply with O.C.G.A. 44-2-15 concerning registrable instruments. An unsworn declaration must be presented in the same medium as a sworn declaration if the law requires it. Knowingly and willfully making a material false statement when executing an unsworn declaration constitutes perjury.

Authored By: Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 186 Appeal and error; filing of petitions for review in reviewing courts from lower judiciaries; revise an exception

Bill Summary: HB 186 amends sections of the Code from utilizing the "certiorari" process to instead using the "petition for review" appellate procedure when appealing from a lower judicatory (any government body exercising judicial or quasi-judicial authority) to a superior or state court.

Authored By: Rep. Rob Leverett (123rd)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 221 Insurance; filing review process for private passenger motor vehicle liability coverage providing the minimum limits offered by the carrier; revise

Bill Summary: HB 221 relates to personal private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies with limits above the mandatory minimum. The bill requires that rates, rating plans, rating systems, or underwriting rules be effective 60 days after filing unless the commissioner of insurance authorizes an earlier effective date or the insurer specifies a later effective date.

Authored By: Rep. Eddie Lumsden (12th)
House Insurance
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 242 Georgia Driver's Education Commission; violation of traffic laws or ordinances under Joshua's Law; provide additional penalty

Bill Summary: HB 242 reinstates the additional penalty for a traffic violation under 'Joshua's Law', setting it at three percent of the original fine.

Authored By: Rep. Bill Hitchens (161st)
House Motor Vehicles
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Open
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 243 Coweta Judicial Circuit; superior court; provide eighth judge

Bill Summary: HB 243 increases the number of superior court judges in the Coweta Judicial Circuit from seven to eight. The eighth judge will be appointed for a term beginning July 1, 2023 continuing through December 31, 2024. Their successor will be elected at the nonpartisan judicial election in 2024.

Authored By: Rep. Lynn Smith (70th)
House Judiciary
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

HB 279 Insurance; discount for property owners who build a new property that better resists tornado, hurricane, or other catastrophic windstorm events; provide

Bill Summary: HB 279 provides an insurance premium discount or reduction for a home or commercial property built to fortified standards to better resist catastrophic wind events.

Authored By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)
House Insurance
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 280 Insurance; additional value-added products or services that are excluded from being unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements; provide

Bill Summary: HB 280 provides exclusions to unfair trade practices and unlawful inducements by allowing insurance companies to provide products to policyholders that incentivize behavior changes to improve health.

Authored By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)
House Insurance
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 294 Insurance; administration of certain rehabilitation policies by a ceding insurer placed into liquidation; provisions

Bill Summary: HB 294 clarifies the rights and responsibilities of entities involved in the liquidation of reinsurance companies. The bill allows the succeeding entity receiving the liquidating company or the Georgia Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association to continue the reinsurance contract. The bill outlines processes for arbitration, handling unpaid premiums, and notification of affected policyholders.

Authored By: Rep. Buddy DeLoach (167th)
House Insurance
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 315 Commissioner of Insurance; promulgate rules and regulations regarding cost-sharing requirements for diagnostic and supplemental breast screening examinations; provide

Bill Summary: HB 315 involves cost-sharing requirements for diagnostic and supplemental breast screenings. The bill allows the commissioner of insurance to apply rules and regulations regarding cost-sharing provisions based on guidelines established by professional medical associations.

Authored By: Rep. Darlene Taylor (173rd)
House Insurance
Committee:

Rule Applied: Modified-Structured
Committee 02-14-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Actions

Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office and are placed on the General Calendar.

Education Committee

HB 32 Quality Basic Education Act; no high school which receives funding shall participate in sports events that does not utilize instant replay in Championship games; provide

Bill Summary: HB 32 requires athletic associations to utilize instant replay or a video review protocol during Georgia high school football state championship games.

Authored By: Rep. Demetrius Douglas (78th)
House Education
Committee:

Committee 02-16-2023 Do Pass by Committee
Action: Substitute

Higher Education Committee

HB 319 Education; abolish Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation

Bill Summary: HB 319 abolishes the Georgia Higher Education Assistance Corporation and transfers any obligations, liabilities, or assets to the Georgia Student Finance Authority.

Authored By: Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)
House Higher Education
Committee:

Committee 02-16-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Industry and Labor Committee

HB 480 Workers' compensation; benefits; change certain provisions

Bill Summary: HB 480 revises O.C.G.A. 34-9-261 to raise the maximum weekly amount of temporary total disability of workers' compensation to \$800. The maximum weekly amount of temporary partial disability of workers' compensation is increased to \$533 in O.C.G.A. 34-9-262. The maximum total workers' compensation that can be paid to a surviving spouse after their spouse dies is increased to \$320,000 in O.C.G.A. 34-9-265.

The bill states that in claims for workers' compensation in which there is not a surviving spouse, including situations in which a deceased employee and a person claiming they were dependent on that deceased employee and that they lived together continuously and in a relationship similar to a marriage, the person making the claim must prove that they received economic support from the deceased employee, including monetary support, food, or housing. Workers' compensation can now be terminated upon cohabitation in a relationship similar to marriage if that relationship involves economic support. No consideration is made for payments of financial support that are less than a period of three months.

The effective date of the bill is July 1, 2023 and applies to injuries that occur on or after that date.

Authored By: Rep. Lehman Franklin (160th)
House Industry and Labor
Committee:

Committee 02-16-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Natural Resources & Environment Committee

HB 165 State government; public disclosure not required relative to inspection of public records; include certain documents from Department of Natural Resources

Bill Summary: HB 165 amends O.C.G.A. 50-18-72, which concerns public disclosures not required to be included as part of an inspection of public records, to include records from the Department of Natural Resources that contain information regarding the location or character of a historic resource that could lead to harm or theft related to the historic resource.

Author(s):	Rep. Kimberly New (64th)	Committee	02-16-2023 Do Pass
House	Natural Resources & Environment	Action:	
Committee:			

Public Safety & Homeland Security Committee

HB 136 Penal institutions; commissioner of corrections to report certain information; require

Bill Summary: HB 136 requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) commissioner to publish on the official DOC website a report of aggregate data on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees, offenses, and home countries of inmates who are not U.S. citizens and who are confined under the department's authority. The report will include the percentage of persons who are not citizens with regard to the total population in confinement. The first report is due October 1, 2023 and every 90 days thereafter. Should the 90th day fall on a holiday, a Saturday, or a Sunday, the report is required to be published the next business day.

Author(s):	Rep. Jesse Petrea (166th)	Committee	02-16-2023 Do Pass
House	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Action:	
Committee:			

HB 268 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; motor vehicle related crime prevention initiatives; establish grant program

Bill Summary: HB 268 establishes a grant program to provide funds from the criminal justice coordinating council to local law enforcement agencies and multi-jurisdictional task forces for the prevention, reduction, investigation, and prosecution of motor vehicle crimes. The bill establishes the Georgia Motor Vehicle Crime Prevention Advisory Board and the required membership. The board will solicit and review applications for the grants, and make recommendations to the council for awards.

Author(s):	Rep. John Corbett (174th)	Committee	02-16-2023 Do Pass by Committee
House	Public Safety & Homeland Security	Action:	Substitute
Committee:			

Ways & Means Committee

HB 36 Ad valorem tax; language required to be included in notices of current assessment; revise

Bill Summary: HB 36 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5-311 relating to county boards of equalization, duties, review of assessments, and appeals by allowing a taxpayer with tangible personal property having a fair market value greater than \$200,000 to appeal directly to a hearing officer.

The bill amends O.C.G.A. 48-5-306 relating to the annual notice of current assessment, contents, posting notice, and new assessment description by requiring that the option to appeal directly to a hearing officer for tangible personal property with a fair market value of greater than \$200,000 be included on the notice of assessment.

Author(s):	Rep. Chuck Martin (49th)	Committee	02-16-2023 Do Pass
House	Ways & Means	Action:	
Committee:			

HB 95 Revenue and taxation; Internal Revenue Code and Internal Revenue Code of 1986; revise terms and incorporate certain provisions of federal law into Georgia law

Bill Summary: HB 95 amends O.C.G.A. 48-1-2 relating to income tax definitions by providing an update to the definition of "Internal Revenue Code" to include 'Inflation Reduction Act' provisions, signed by the President on August 16, 2022, and the 'Consolidated Appropriations Act', signed by the President on December 29, 2022.

Among the changes made in federal legislation and addressed in the bill are the following: allowing defined contribution plans to provide participants with an option to receive matching contributions on a Roth basis; a one-time election for a qualified charitable distribution to a split-interest entity and an increase to the IRA charitable distribution limit; and cost recovery related to green energy properties.

Authored By: Rep. David Knight (134th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:

Committee 02-16-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 138 Revenue and taxation; update population bracket and census data for a certain property tax exemption for certain leased property

Bill Summary: HB 138 amends O.C.G.A. 48-5-40 relating to property tax exemptions by updating a homestead exemption for counties having populations between 23,500 and 23,675 on the 2010 U.S. census with counties having populations between 25,400 and 25,500 on the 2020 U.S. census.

Authored By: Rep. Clint Crowe (118th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:

Committee 02-16-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HB 162 Income tax; one-time tax credit for taxpayers who filed returns for both 2021 and 2022 taxable years; provide

Bill Summary: HB 162 provides a one-time income tax refund equal to the lesser of either the taxpayer's 2021 income tax liability or \$250 for a taxpayer filing as single; \$375 for taxpayer filing as head of household; or \$500 for a married couple jointly filing a return. The refund will not be made available to nonresident alien individuals, individuals claimed as a dependent during the 2021 and 2022 tax years, or an estate or trust.

Authored By: Rep. Lauren McDonald (26th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:

Committee 02-16-2023 Do Pass
Action:

HR 66 General Assembly; motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes; ratify Governor Brian P. Kemp's Executive Orders

Bill Summary: HR 66 ratifies executive orders issued by the governor between May 26, 2022 and January 10, 2023 related to suspension of the collection of motor fuel and diesel fuel taxes.

Authored By: Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th)
House Ways & Means
Committee:

Committee 02-16-2023 Do Pass
Action:

Committee Meeting Schedule

*This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change.
To keep up with the latest schedule, please visit www.legis.ga.gov to view all upcoming events.*

Tuesday - February 21, 2023

8:00 AM	Insurance Life and Health Subcommittee (House)	406 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
8:00 AM	MOTOR VEHICLES COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
10:00 AM	FLOOR SESSION (LD 21) (House)	House Chamber	VIDEO
1:00 PM	STATE PLANNING & COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	GAME, FISH & PARKS COMMITTEE (House)	403 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
2:00 PM	DEFENSE & VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (House)	506 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
3:00 PM	ENERGY, UTILITIES & TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE (House)	403 CAP	VIDEO Agenda
3:00 PM	REGULATED INDUSTRIES COMMITTEE (House)	606 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
3:00 PM	Education Curriculum Subcommittee (House)	406 CLOB	VIDEO Agenda
4:00 PM	Education Policy Subcommittee (House)	406 CLOB	VIDEO